

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Jeffrey Zahn (Reg. No. 54,864) on August 19, 2009.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

a) In the specification, at page 25, paragraph [0093], replace
“<http://java.sun.com/j2ee/provisioning/industry.html>” with -- its web site--.

b) In claim 22, at line 32, replace "a scheduled check in", with --the scheduled check in --
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3. The drawings filed 9/2/2004 are accepted by examiner.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As to claims 22, 25 and 26, the prior art of record does not teach or render obvious the limitations recited in claim 22, when taken in the context of the claims as a whole, specific to a distributed printing system including an asset managing system comprising printing device management and service applications, a service host system comprising printing device subscribable service applications, and multiple printing devices, all connected via network

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communication, a common device model agent (DMA) module included in each of the printing device; wherein the DMA including a common application programming interface, a first DMA application for monitoring the printing device event and generate corresponding actions, a second DMA application for performing dynamic update of printing device services including adding new service code that can be subscribed by the printing device and selectively initiated by the printing device, and a service manager application for executing the first and the second DMA applications and for providing interactive communication with the asset management system and the service host system; via the DMA module, the printing device is able to subscribe to service applications, requesting for user selected service during a scheduled check in with the asset management system, the asset forward the request to the service host system, and the service host system determine the eligibility of the request based on the subscribing information provided by the user, and notifies the asset management system of the result, the DMA module receives the eligibility result from the asset management system and download the service code from the service host system if eligible, and the DMA module executes the service code using the common application programming interface.

Moreover, evidence for modifying the prior art teachings by one of ordinary skill level in the art was not uncovered so as to result in the invention as recited in claims 22, 25 and 26.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DIEM K. CAO whose telephone number is (571)272-3760. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 7:30AM - 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hyung Sough can be reached on (571) 272-6799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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